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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kiminobu KODAMA et al

Serial No. : 09/448,055

Filed : November 23, 1999

For : METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING-A
DATABASE FOR MANAGING
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
INFORMATION, RECORDING
MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM
THEREOF, AND SYSTEM THEREFOR

Art Unit : 2167

Examiner : S. McAllister

RESPONSE - 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 22,
2001, the term for response to which expires on March 22, 2001.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-12, for
further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

A decision concerning filing one or more Divisional
Applications for the non-elected subject matter will be made in
due course.



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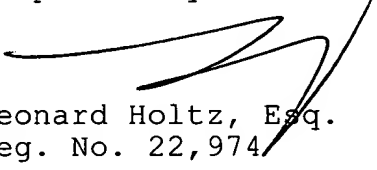
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Applicants have informed the undersigned that the inventorship for claims 1-12 is the same as the original inventorship.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed with respect to elected claims 1-12.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: March 5, 2001

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